SEPTEMBER 2008

TAXICAB DRIVER'S NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL IS OPEN

PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY!

ALERT

The emergency fuel surcharge has been extended to November 25, 2008

Driver ID Office hours

Monday – Thursday 8:30AM – 12:00PM

2008 PVL ISSUANCE

AVAILABILITY OF 15 INDIVIDUAL TAXICAB PASSENGER VEHICLE LICENSES

The Department of Transportation announces the availability of 15 Taxicab Passenger Vehicle Licenses. To be eligible, individuals must hold a Montgomery County taxi driver ID card, have driven a cab in the County during the past three years, have a superior driving record and not already have a Passenger Vehicle License.

Application forms will be available beginning September 8, 2008 at the Division of Transit Services, 101 Monroe Street, 5th floor, Rockville, Maryland 20850 or on the County website at:

http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/tsvtmpl.asp?url=/content/DOT/transit/taxi_reg/taxi_user.asp

There is a non-refundable \$500.00 fee to apply. **Applications must** be received at the Taxicab Office, 101 Monroe Street, 5th floor, Rockville, MD 20850, no later than 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 8, 2008.

For questions, call Mr. James Ryan at 240-777-5851 or e-mail james.ryan@montgomerycountymd.gov.



Department of Transportation/Division of Transit Services MEDICAID & TAXICAB REGULATION OFFICE 101 Monroe Street, 5th Floor, Rockville, Maryland 20850 240-777-CABS (2227)

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Good customer service is an essential part of being a successful driver.

ENFORCEMENT REMINDER

- Maintain manifests.
- Do <u>not</u> drive more than 12 hours in a 24 hour period.
- Put all breaks on the manifest.
- Have your ID &
 PVL posted so it
 is clearly visible
 to the
 passenger.
- Taxicab stands are for temporary stops to pick up passengers
- If you are in a taxicab stand you must be awake, in or near your taxicab, and available for service.



TAXICAB STAND NEWS

The Silver Spring Taxicab stand is scheduled to be moved on September 28, 2008. The new location will be located on Ramsey Avenue.

SAFETY TIPS FOR DRIVERS.

ALWAYS STOP FOR PEDESTRIANS AT CROSSWALKS.



REDUCE SPEED AND OBSERVE THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT.



LOOK AROUND BEFORE OPENING YOUR VEHICLE DOOR.



BE ALERT WHEN PASSING STOPPED VEHICLES.



ALLOW 3 FEET WHEN PASSING A BICYCLIST.

